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Mr. Walters and Mr.Tzhone

I am sure you recall how at the meeting at the Houston-Galveston Area Council, I clearly indicated to yourself and Mr.Tzhone that people were fishing in an area with high dioxin concentrations daily. If you recall, I asked Mr. Tzhone to traverse to a particular slide (slide 7) which clearly had the shadow of a billboard and I stated that people are fishing to the right of the billboard daily. You might also recall that the spot I indicated was less than 100 feet from a sampling location in the water (sampling location 14). I would like to remind you of this because nothing has been done about this issue that I am aware of to date. I have attached photos.

IMG\_0458 is a photo that was taken while canvassing in the area recently which shows the billboard I was referring to at the meeting and people fishing directly to the right of the billboard. This is a **daily** fishing location.

SAN JAC PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS, is a modified picture from your DEC 2009 powerpoint that shows the concentrations of dioxin and **daily** fishing locations. As you can see people are fishing in locations that have the 2nd and 3rd highest concentrations.

I am sure that in the construction of the fence the thinking was that people would come into contact with the concentrations on land only. The dioxin concentrations clearly extend into the water beyond the perceived boundary of the fence. It is perfectly plausible to assume that people fishing in the area believe they can fish in areas that are not fenced off. Within the photo you can clearly see a worn path and a stump that has been there for some time. If I were to build a fence then this is the first thing I would point out and ultimately determine the extent of a possible fence. I almost want to believe that contractors had to work around people fishing while building the fence.

**Something must be done immediately to either extend the boundaries of the fence and/or fence off the shoreline to prevent people from fishing.** I do not believe we can afford to wait for chloracne cases to do something about this issue.

I would also like to ask for contractors working on the RI/FS to be present at the meeting on Thursday. We have many residents that have technical questions that yourself and Mr. Tzhone were unable to answer at the meeting that was held at the Houston-Galveston area council. One of these questions referring specifically to the ability of dioxin to travel during a flooding event. Please have someone at the meeting that can answer technical questions.

Thank you.

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